Primary Education.

5 * **Mr. Paul A. Thaliath** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Government schools at the close of the school year 1120-21 in those localities where the Primary Education Act has now been enforced ;

(b) the number of private managed schools working in that particular locality and time mentioned in *(a)* ;

(c) the number of new schools constructed by them in that particular locality mentioned in *(a)* before the beginning of the current school year ; and

(d) the number of private managed Primary Schools handed over to them in the locality where primary education has been now made compulsory ?

Mr. A. Narayanan Tampi : *(a)* 52.

(b) 146.

(c) 53 constructed and under various stages of construction.

(d) 95. In addition, three are working as Primary Schools attached to recognised Training Schools and ten as Denominational schools.

Mr. Paul A. Thaliath : May I know the exact number of buildings constructed and occupied by the Department till now ?

Mr. A. Narayanan Tampi : Well, nearly 15 schools have been completed and in the course of a month another 25 schools will be completed.

Withdrawal of recognition of Schools.

6 * **Mr. Paul A. Thaliath** : Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a statement showing the names of the schools, with the names of the respective Managers, the recognition of which has been withdrawn in the localities where the Primary Education Act has been enforced ?

Mr. A. Narayanan Tampi : Individual orders were not issued withdrawing recognition. Recognition of all the non-Departmental Primary Schools in the Taluks of Thovala, Agasteeswaram, in the Nagercoil Municipality and in the Trivandrum City, except those attached to Training Schools, was withdrawn by a notification in the Gazette dated 9-4-1946.

Mr. K. C. Chandy : May I know whether in those areas the Education Code is still in force ?

Mr. A. Narayanan Tampi : Yes, Sir, so far as it does not contradict the Act.

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly

Mr. Paul A. Thaliath: May I know whether within this area there are any schools where the recognition has been withdrawn and still the schools are conducted?

Mr. A. Narayanan Tampi: Sir, a census is being conducted now.....

President: All schools other than those contemplated by the Act cannot be recognised. If any such school is being conducted, there will be a prosecution. Under the Act, in the compulsory area, the only schools that can function are either those definitely recognised by the Government or those conducted by the Government. All other schools if functioning are ignoring the law. Government are taking a Census in regard to this, and what should be done after the collection of such data is a matter which is under the consideration of Government.

Mr. K. S. Joseph: May I know whether the Education Code has been repealed?

Mr. A. Narayanan Tampi: No, except in cases where the Act supersedes the code.

Mr. K. S. Joseph: May I know if those schools whose recognition has now been withdrawn were given individual recognition or collective recognition?

Mr. A. Narayanan Tampi: It was several years ago. Therefore, I do not know whether it is collective recognition or individual recognition. Very likely it may be individual recognition.

Mr. K. S. Joseph: May I know whether the Act supersedes all other Acts previously passed?

President: Order, order. When an Act is passed by the Legislature, it supersedes all other Codes or Acts that are existing, if it is a Consolidating Act.

Mr. K. S. Joseph: Am I to understand that the Act repeals the Code?

President: Of course. A code is only a Departmental order passed by the Government. It is really miscalled so. It is a set of Rules promulgated by the Department of Public Instruction under the authority of Government. So, it is merely like any Government order. When there is an Act dealing with this matter, like all Government orders, the Code becomes null and void.

Mr. K. C. Chandy: May I know whether the Managers would be asked to conform to the conditions laid down in the Act?

Mr. A. Narayanan Tampi: Yes, Sir. If they conform to the Rules they can get recognition as denominational schools.

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly

Mr. K. C. Chandy: May I know what is meant by a denominational 'School ?'

President: Order, order. Honourable member has got a complete document for the purpose of enlightening himself on the matter. He cannot ask the Heads of Departments, what is meant by denominational schools. You can as well ask what is the Education Code or what is meant by Primary Education, and so on.

Mr. K. C. Chandy: Sir, it is not definitely stated what a denominational school is and what the conditions are for the recognition of such schools. In addition to the two conditions given in Rule 18, the Department has asked for another condition from the management.

President: It is quoted in the Rule. You may enlighten the House on that as well as on other conditions. What is the other condition ? Honourable member may put the question thus: "Does the honourable member suggest that in addition to the two conditions contained in Rule 18, another condition was prescribed" ?

Mr. K. C. Chandy: The managements agreed to run the denominational schools. But the definition of these denominational schools is not given.

President: "Denominational" schools have been mentioned in the rules framed for the purpose and in various communications issued from the Department. In them, it is stated that a denominational school is a school run for a particular denomination.

Perumbavur English High School.

7 ***Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 4 more teachers have to join duty in the Perumbavur English High School for the current year;

(b) whether regular instructions and teaching are not begun in Government Schools before Onam holidays due to the general delay in the adjustment of teachers every year;

(c) whether it is a fact that the results in public examinations in Government schools are unsatisfactory when compared with the results in private institutions; and

(d) whether it is a fact that the delay in the adjustment of teachers in the Government schools is said to be one of the grounds for the unsatisfactory results in the Government schools as advanced by teachers in Government schools ?

Mr. A. Narayanan Tampi: *(a)* The Headmaster of the school has asked for four additional teachers for the current school-year in connection with the adjustment of staff.

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly